

by a peripheral rim, a lasting board mounted within the upper above the sole and extending forwardly from the heel portion toward the forefoot portion, a rigid heel counter mounted in the upper above said heel portion, said sole being formed with a longitudinal channel [in the bottom surface] in the midsole and outsole with the channel extending through the peripheral rim and with the channel dividing the midsole and outsole of the heel portion into a pair of laterally adjacent compression elements, said compression elements having interior sidewalls which are spaced apart an effective distance to isolate the compression elements from motion of their interior sidewalls and permitting independent movement of the compression elements, said channel extending upwardly through the sole and being separated from the upper by a connecting portion of the sole which has a vertical height that is effective to present a minimal transfer of motion between the compression elements responsive to stress forces whereby the heel counter and compression elements control the user's foot pronation movement with substantially low acceleration from an initial heel strike phase to a loading phase of the gait cycle for the shoe.

Cancel claim 3.

REMARKS

The Section 112 Rejections

The rejection of claims 1-4 under section 112 are deemed obviated by the present amendments. In claim 1 the recitation of the connecting portion of the sole having a vertical height sufficiently small to present minimal transfer of motion between the compression elements has now been replaced by the recitation that the connecting portion has a vertical height that is effective to present an insubstantial transfer of motion between